

January 24, 2013

The Marion County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Marion, South Carolina. Members present were Elista H. Smith, Chairperson; Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman; John Q. Atkinson, Jr., Thomas E. Shaw, and Milton W. Troy, II. Also present were G. Timothy Harper, Administrator; Charles L. McLain, III, County Attorney; and Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council. A representative from the Star & Enterprise was present and duly notified.

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order and asked Vice Chairman Collins to lead the Invocation, after which she welcomed visitors and read the Freedom of Information Announcement.

Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Collins, and carried unanimously, to approve as written, the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 8, 2013.

Vice Chairman Collins stated for the record that he had a written proxy from Councilman Allen W. Floyd voting in favor of all matters.

The County Attorney stated that second reading for the Ordinance listed on the agenda as follows was ready: A. Second Reading of Ordinance #2013-01 To Provide for the Issuance and Sale of not Exceeding Ten Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,100,000) General Obligation Bond or Bonds of Marion County, South Carolina, To Prescribe the Purpose of Which the Proceeds of said Bond or Bonds Shall be Expended, to Provide for the Payment of said Bond or Bonds, and Other Matters Relating Thereto.

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Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,100,000) General Obligation Bond or Bonds of Marion County, South Carolina, To Prescribe the Purpose of Which the Proceeds of said Bond or Bonds Shall be Expended, to Provide for the Payment of said Bond or Bonds, and Other Matters Relating Thereto was ready: Motion was made by Mr. Troy, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to approve second reading of Ordinance #2013-01.

There were no reports given by Committee #1 or Committee #2.

The County Attorney told Council that he has sent an email to Ms. Kathy Hazelwood with the SC State Ethics Commission in reference to disclosing the meals on the ethics report. Mr. McLain stated that he has spoken with several counties and they are disclosing the meals and estimating the amount.

The County Attorney asked Council's approval on a document in reference to the Dedication of Property to Protective Covenants. Mr. McLain stated that the additional 47.24 acres of property adjacent to the Marion County Industrial Park was not included in the restricted covenants. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Troy, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator told Council that Judge Pogue and Mrs. Sherry Rhodes have met with the architects to go over their needs in reference to the new County Administration Complex. Mr. Harper also stated that Judge Pogue will be sending a letter of support regarding this said matter.

The Administrator gave Council an update on the Capital Sales Tax. Mr. Harper told Council that the City of Marion has requested to start renovating the swimming pool at Grice's Recreation Center. He stated that the swimming pool is listed as one of the Capital Sales projects. Mr. Harper stated that the city is requesting to use their funds for the project, and get reimbursed after the Capital Sales Tax funding come into place.

The Administrator told Council that a workshop for contractors and vendors will be held on Tuesday, February 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the CD Joyner Auditorium.

The Administrator gave Council an update on the flow control bill. Mr. Harper stated that the House Agriculture Committee voted 14-3 to give the flow control bill a favorable report. He stated that the committee members that voted to support local government and oppose the bill were Reps. Dillard, George and Hardee. Mr. Harper told Council that there is no change in the LGF.

The Administrator mentioned to Council that Mr. Ron Gilkerson is no longer employed by Griffin Brothers.

The Administrator passed out a draft copy of the Marion County Economic Development Incentives Program to each member of Council for their review. Mr. Harper stated that this incentives program will apply to new projects locating to Marion County as well as existing industry expansions.

The Administrator reminded Council about the Marion County/Municipal Meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the Marion Opera House.

The Administrator told Council that Crown Castle Communications has a tower in Mullins. He stated that they are willing to let the County have space on the tower. Mr. Harper stated that there is a cost involved that has to be paid upfront. He stated that the cost is around \$10,000 which includes the application fee, structure analysis fee construction installation fee and closeout documents. Mr. Harper stated the Crown Castle has agreed to give the County a two year lease that can be renewed one year at a time. Mr. Harper asked Council for authorization to move forward with installing the County's antennas on Crown Castle Communications tower. He also asked Council for permission to use \$10,000 out of the contingency fund for this said project. Motion was made by Mr. Atkinson, seconded by Mr. Collins, and carried unanimously.

The Administrator reminded Council about the Marion Chamber Annual Meeting that is scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Marion Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, and also the Mullins Chamber Annual Meeting that is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion County Technical Education Center.

Chairperson Smith asked Mr. Harper if the County had settled the landfill issue with the City of Marion. The County Attorney stated that he has not heard of any change regarding this said matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to go into executive session for an economic development and a legal matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Shaw, and carried unanimously, to close executive session and reopen the regular scheduled meeting. Chairperson Smith stated that no action was taken during executive session called for an economic development and a legal matter.

The Administrator asked Council's approval to allow the County to use the Marion County Economic Development Incentives Program to present towards the economic development project. Motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Collins, and carried unanimously.

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There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mr. Collins, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:31 P.M.

Elista H. Smith, Chairperson

Buddy Collins, Vice Chairman

John Q. Atkinson, Jr.

(absent)

Allen W. Floyd

(absent)

Simon Jenkins, Chaplain

Thomas E. Shaw

Milton W. Troy, II

G. Timothy Harper, Administrator

Charles L. McLain, III, County Attorney

Sabrina Davis, Clerk to Council